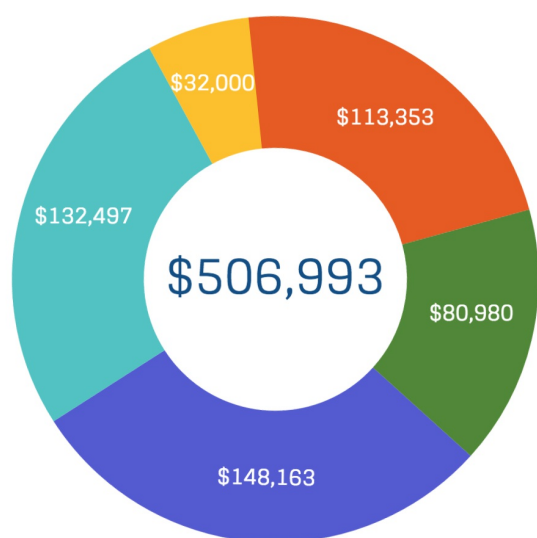


WORCESTER

Funded Partners | Boys & Girls Club, Straight Ahead Ministries, Worcester Community Action Council, Worcester Police Department, Worcester Youth Center

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/>

Funding Allocation



Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



895

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

57

Engaged in Volunteer Work or Community Service

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



144

Stayed Away from Gang Activity

132

Received Case Management Services

Education & Employment



109

Completed a Subsidized Summer Employment Program

24

Graduated High School or Passed HiSET Exam

Suppression



603

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

23

Gang Members and High Impact Players Arraigned

Community Mobilization



762

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

15

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

1,617 Total Youth Served

56.4%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

32.8%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

10.8%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

 =10% of Youth Served

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

6,794,422

11.5%

3.8%

953,429

27.4%

4.9%

Total Population
(2015 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total Public School Population
(2015-2016)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

Worcester

184,815

22.4%

4.5%

25,076

52.4%

5.8%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Worcester's Gang Activity

20

Street Gangs

378

Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2016, Worcester Police Department's Gang Unit identified 20 gangs—including the Kilby Street Posse, PVE, and Providence Street Posse gangs—comprising approximately 1,021 active gang members, of which almost 40% were under the age of 25. Recruitment increasingly occurred via social media. Gang activity included burglary, drug offenses, human trafficking, and drive-by shooting attempts.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2012-2016

Massachusetts Simple Assaults

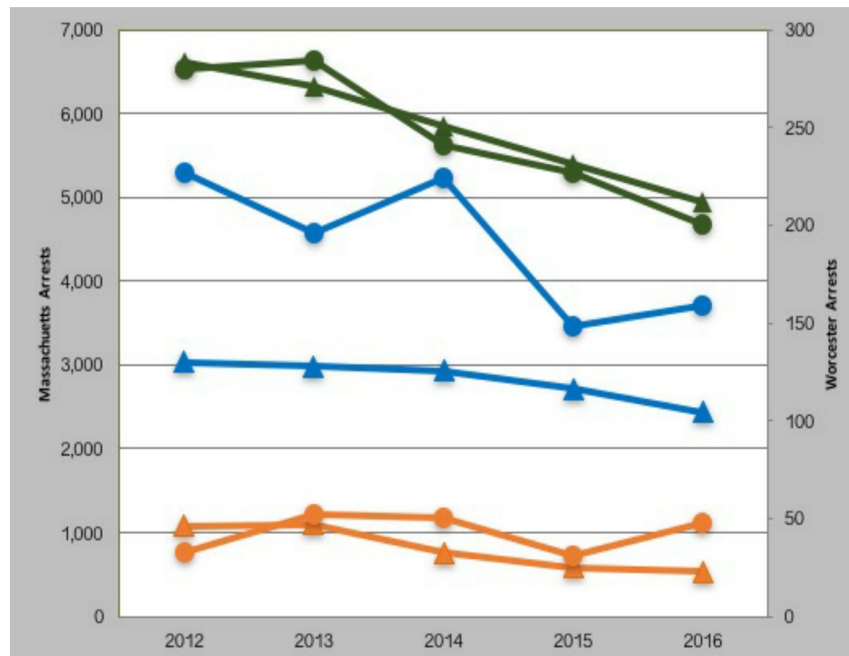
Simple assault arrests
declined by 25.4%
(1,678 arrests)

Massachusetts Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests
declined by 19.5%
(592 arrests)

Massachusetts Robbery

Robbery arrests declined
by 51.0% (549 arrests)



Worcester Simple Assaults

Simple assault arrests
declined by 28.6%
(80 arrests)

Worcester Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests
declined by 30.0%
(68 arrests)

Worcester Robbery

Robbery arrests increased
by 46.0% (15 arrests)